Sub-Committee to study and guide FSI and IOTC

1169. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed a monitoring Sub-Committee to carefully study and guide all aspects pertaining to the Fishery Survey of India and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of this Sub-Committee;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Fishery Survey of India is reviewing all assurances given to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Indian Fisheries Organization have been associated with this Sub-Committee;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps taken up protect the interests of Indian fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The Govt. of India has constituted a working group to minotor and review the implementation of India Ocean Tuna Commission's resolutions with the following terms of reference:

(i) To examine the IOTC decisions/Resolutions on tuna and tuna like fishers.

(ii) To suggest appropriate conservation and management measures.

(iii) To convene meetings of Working Group whenever required.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, The Working Group examines the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission's decisions/ resolutions and not Fishery Survey of India.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. the working group has representation from Indian Fisheries Industries *viz.* Fishing Trawlers and Allied Industries Welfare Association and Deep-sea Fishing Industry Association.

(g) The Governmental delegation participating in the IOTC Sessions takes care of the interest of Indian Fishermen and Fishing Industry and sustainability of the tuna stock in the Indian Ocean. While adopting various Resolutions of the Commission for implementation these are kept in view.

Lesser price for fertilizers and seeds

1170. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to formulate new schemes to provide fertilizers and seeds at low price rates to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): No, Sir.